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Staff Senate Minutes  
November 10, 2004  
<http://www.eiu.edu/~stfsenat>

SENATORS PRESENT: Sandy Bingham-Porter, Greg Boyd, Dan Carpenter, Kathy Cartwright, Katie Rice, Anne Cutright, Zoraida Irizarry, Tom Leonard, Mosezell Magee, Matt Pederson, Teresa Sims, Doug Sloat, Janice Spraker, and Linda Strange  
SENATORS ABSENT: Eric Davidson  
GUESTS: Julie Benedict, Lori Creek, and Tami Duzan

President Kathy Cartwright called the meeting to order at 1:15pm in the Schahrer Room.

Tami Duzan shared information from the "Council of Councils" held on October 15 at Northern Illinois University. NIU's President addressed the group concerning budget cuts. Both an Illinois Senator and Representative from the House were in attendance. They mentioned the impacts of the local university on the local economy, and bills that passed the legislature. Four specific bills had direct impact on universities that dealt with tuition, line items, faculty diversification, and fire sprinklers in the dorm rooms. The Director of the Civil Service Systems (SUCSS) representative shared that tests will be taken on-line for both promotions and new hires; some classifications as soon as December 2004. Specifically, food service, building services and clerical will be the first. This will help with having immediate scores. Their website is [www.sucss.state.il.us](http://www.sucss.state.il.us). The Director of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) representative shared that retirement (not medical benefits) are protected under the Illinois State Constitution, Article 13. Anyone can be involved by joining the annuitant association, even if the individual isn't an annuitant. Their website is [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org).

Katie Rice shared that EIU will host the "Council of Councils" in October 2005. There were about fifty attendees from various universities at the NIU workshop.

Greg Boyd reported that the winter heating set point is 70 degrees (plus or minus 2 degrees). During the Christmas break, the set point is 65.

Sandy Bingham-Porter reported that the next CUPB meeting will be November 12. In the October meeting, the NCA Accreditation was discussed. The Staff Senate is dissatisfied with the lack of information about the staff compared to other NCA reports.

Kathy Cartwright shared that the University Advisory Board approved an adult commuter student lounge which is sponsored by OASIS (Organization for Adult Students, Informal & Supportive) and the School of Continuing Education. It will be located on the mezzanine outside of the Schahrer Room.

Sandy Bingham-Porter and Janice Spraker shared the Facilities, Planning and Management Search schedule. Advertisements will be done in November, on-campus interviews conducted March/early April, and a candidate tentatively hired by June. FY05 Committee members were appointed. Parking Appeals: Anne Cutright; Staff/Faculty Senate Relations: Tom Leonard, Greg Boyd, Janice Spraker; Environmental Health and Safety: Dan Carpenter. The Staff Senate October minutes were approved.

Mosezell Magee announced that he will be leaving the university to work for the FBI. The Senate will miss him and we extend our Best Wishes!

Janice Spraker is serving on the Tuition and Fee Review Committee. The Committee is receiving presentations consisting of financial reports and services provided from the following departments: Student Legal Services, Student Publications, Technology, Health Insurance, MLK University Union, and Health Services.

The next meeting is December 8, 2004, in the Schahrer Room. Our meetings are always open and everyone is welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions or issues that they would like us to ask at our next meeting, please contact one of the Senators. Senators can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/~stfsenat/members.htm>

Respectfully submitted: Janice Spraker

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